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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE AND MILITARY LECTURER
VISITS TO USSR

REF: (A) MOSCOW 1306 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 036378 (NOTAL)

1. POLCOUNSELOR CALLED ON MFA'S USA DEPUTY CHIEF FEDOSEYEV
FEBRUARY 14 TO LEAVE NON PAPER ON NWC PROPOSED VISIT BASED
ON PARA 1 REF B. RECALLING THAT HE WAS NWC ALUMNUS, POL-
COUNSELOR STRESSED THE DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING CIVILIANS
IN THE TRAVEL GROUP, AND EXPANDING THE ITINERARY,
PROGRAM AND EXPOSURE GIVEN LAST YEAR BY THE SOVIETS. IN
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THIS CONNECTION, POLCOUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT IN PRACTI-
CALLY EVERY OTHER VISIT ABROAD, NWC IS RECEIVED ON COM-
BINED CIVILIAN AND MILITARY BASIS INCLUDING COMPOSITION,
HOSTING, PROGRAM AND ITINERARY. FEDOSEYEV SAID HE WOULD
CHECK WITH SOVIET MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

2. DATT MADE PARALLEL APPROACH WITH NON PAPER TO GENERAL

BORISOV OF UVS ON FEBRUARY 16. BORISOV MERELY SAID "WE SHALL TRY" TO ACCOMMODATE NWC TRIP BUT NOTED MOD WAS COMPLETELY TIED UP UNTIL FEBRUARY 23 WITH PREPARATION FOR SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SOVIET ARMY AND NAVY.

3. DATT ALSO RAISED MILITARY LECTURER EXCHANGE TO WHICH BORISOV REPLIED THAT FOR NOW ACTION WOULD FIRST BE TAKEN ON NWC REQUEST, AND THAT WE COULD RETURN (AFTER THE FEBRUARY 23 HOLIDAY) TO DISCUSS THE LECTURER SUBJECT.

4. COMMENT: SOVIETS HAVE BEEN VERY SLOW IN HANDLING OUR REQUESTS FOR MAY VISIT BY EXECUTIVE SEMINAR (SEPTELS). ON THE OTHER HAND, LAST YEAR'S PRECEDENTS FOR EXCHANGE VISITS BY NWC AND MILITARY LECTURERS GIVE US SOME HOPE THAT THEIR REACTION WILL BE POSITIVE, IF NOT AS FORTHCOMING ON PROGRAM AND COMPOSITION OF NWC DELEGATION AS WE WOULD LIKE. NOW THAT THE SOVIET ARMY/NAVY FESTIVITIES ARE OVER WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITHIN TWO WEEKS, CONCENTRATING IN FIRST INSTANCE ON NWC. IN THIS CONNECTION, POLCOUNSELOR JOGGED FEDOSEYEV AGAIN ON MARCH 1. MATLOCK. UNQUOTE VANCE

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